

Ohio, Wabash, and White Rivers flood collection S1538

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Summary Information

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Title	Ohio, Wabash, and White Rivers flood collection
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Historical Note

The southern part of Indiana was flooded in 1937. Levees washed out. Whole towns, roads, and thousands of acres of farm land were inundated.

Scope and Contents

No author is given for this 28-page, typed manuscript. The narrative accompanied aerial photos showing the floods in Jeffersonville, New Albany, Madison, Lawrenceburg, and other places. Pages 1-8 gives a general report of the 1937 flood. Pages 9-22 tells of the trip by Governor Townsend and his party. Pages 23-28 continues the narrative describing aerial views. The narrative tells of the work by WPA men. The Niblack levee north of Vincennes on the Wabash River was saved by "heroic efforts." Page 3 mentions the 1884 and 1913 floods, which the 1937 flood levels exceeded. Page 4 states: "The Coast Guard cutters were rushed by train from Chicago, and an emergency radio station was set up in the railroad depot." Page 13 states: "New Albany was damaged almost as badly as Jeffersonville." Regarding Lawrenceburg, on page 17, the report states: "A hurricane could not have wrought greater destruction than the terrific wall of water that swept through the town." On the last page, the narrative tells of a house, "firmly anchored down by a huge still which had been in the attic -- the only part of the structure heavy enough to withstand the force of the current."

Arrangement

This collection is paginated as the manuscript was typed.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Jeffersonville (Ind.)
- Lawrenceburg (Ind.)
- Madison (Ind.)
- New Albany (Ind.)
- Ohio River (Ind.)
- Vincennes (Ind.)
- Wabash River (Ind.)
- White River (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Townsend, M. Clifford (Maurice Clifford), 1884-1954

Subject(s)

- Indiana--History--Floods